

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A self-stabilising support for a structure comprising:  
a first pair of legs,  
means connected to the first pair of legs for supporting the structure;  
a second pair of legs;  
a bearing acting between the first pair of legs and the second pair of legs and allowing the second pair of legs to pivot with respect to the first pair of legs about an axis whereby the four legs of the first and second pair can, by suitably pivoting the second pair of legs with respect to the first pair, be only planted on an uneven surface to support the said structure; and  
damping means to dampen and resist pivoting movement of the second pair of legs about the bearing.
2. (Original) A support as claimed in claim 1 wherein, in use, the axis lies in a generally horizontal plane.
3. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the axis extends generally perpendicularly to a notional line joining the ends of the legs of the first pair that engage the ground.
4. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the only substantial relative motion between the first and second pairs of legs is the said pivoting about the axis.
5. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the damping means comprises a piston and cylinder acting directly or indirectly between the first and second pair of legs and acting to resist pivoting movement of the second pair of legs about the bearing.
6. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein

the damping means comprises a body of viscous fluid arranged to be displaced by a pivoting movement of the second pair of legs about the bearing.

7. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 6, wherein the viscous fluid comprises a gel, a colloid, a dilatant composition or a thixotropic composition.

8. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 6 ~~or claim 7~~, wherein the viscous fluid is selected from the group consisting of silicon gels, silicone polymers and viscous colloids.

9. (Currently amended) A support as claimed in claim 6 ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~, wherein the bearing comprises the said body of viscous fluid ~~arranged to be displaced by a pivoting movement of the second pair of legs about the bearing~~.

10. (Original) A support as claimed in claim 9, wherein the bearing comprises a shaft, a bushing and a chamber between the shaft and the bushing in which said body of viscous fluid is accommodated.

11. (Original) A support as claimed in claim 10, wherein the chamber is defined at least in part by a wall formed by the shaft and a wall formed by the bushing and wherein at least one of the said walls is not circular cylindrical in shape.

12. (Currently amended) An article of furniture supported on legs, the legs being formed by the support as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~.

13. (Currently amended) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 12, wherein a center ~~centre~~ of gravity of the article is spaced apart in a horizontal direction from the axis.

14. (New) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 12 being a chair having a seat and a back.

15. (New) An article of furniture supported on legs, the legs being formed by the support as defined in claim 10.

16. (New) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 15 being a chair having a seat and a back.

17. (New) An apparatus comprising:

- a first member for engaging an uneven support surface;
- a second member for engaging the uneven support surface;
- a structure supported above the uneven support surface;
- a bearing acting between the first member and the second member and allowing the member to pivot with respect to the first member about an axis so that the first and second members can, by pivoting the second member with respect to the first member, be firmly planted on the uneven support surface to support the structure; and
- a damper coupled to resist pivoting movement of the second member about the axis.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein:

- the first member comprises a first pair of legs; and
- the second member comprises a second pair of legs.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein:

- there are no legs other than said first and second pairs of legs.

20. (New) An apparatus comprising:

- a first means for engaging an uneven support surface;
- a second means for engaging the uneven support surface;
- a structure supported above the uneven support surface;
- a bearing and damping means acting between the first means and the second means for allowing the second means to pivot in a damped manner with respect to the first means, so that the first and second means can, by pivoting the second means with respect to the first means, be

firmly planted on the uneven support surface to support the structure.